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PANAMA FOR RSS

EO 11652: NA
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJ: BOMBING OF OFFICIAL P/C VEHICLE

1. AT 07:30 WEDNESDAY APRIL 19, 1978 A LOW ORDER DEVICE EXPLODED UNDER AN OFFICIAL P/C VEHICLE PARKED IN A SEMI-CONTOLLED APARTMENT HOUSE PARKING LOT IN BOGOTA. ACCORDING TO POLICE THE EXPLOSIVE DEVICE APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN A STICK OF DYNAMITE IN A PACKAGE THAT WAS PLACED UNDER THE CENTER OF THE ENGINE BLOCK OF THE VEHICLE. SECONDS PRIOR TO THE EXPLOSION, A LOCAL GUARD SAW THE PACKAGE AND PULLED IT OUT WITH AN UMBRELLA. AT THIS POINT THE GUARD APPARENTLY REALIZED THE DAVICE WAS GOING TO EXPLODE SO HE LEFT THE SCENE IMMEDIATELY. THERE WERE NO INJURIES AND THE VEHICLE IS REPARABLE. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE WORDS M-19 WERE WRITTEN IN THE DUST ON THE SIDE WINDOW OF THE VEHICLE (WEDNESDAY IS THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE M-19 AN URBAN TERRORIST ORGANIZATION). AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THERE WERE NO WITNESSES WHO SAW PERSON(S) PLANT THE DEVICE.

2. ACCORDING TO THE P/C THE VEHICLE WAS USED BY AN AMERICAN STAFF
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MEMBER BUT HAD BEEN LEFT IN HER APARTMENT BUILDING PARKING LOT FOR THE LAST TWELVE DAYS BECAUSE THE STAFF MEMBER WAS IN THE U.S. ON EMERGENCYRPHAOXPH ALL SECTIONS AND AGENCIES HAD BEEN ADVISED TO BE ALERT REGARDING POSSIBLE ACTIVITIES OF THE M-19 OR SYMPATHETIC EXTREMIST ELEMENTS.

4. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT ADVISED OF ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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